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In re Application of: **LAZARUS, et al.**  
Filed: **10 November 2000**  
Serial No.: **09/709,249**  
Title: **A METHOD FOR PREVENTING AND INHIBITING HUMAN HLA  
ALLOIMMUNE RESPONSE TO PLATELET TRANSFUSION**  
Examiner: **Ewoldt, Gerald R.**  
Group Art Unit: **1644**

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks  
United States Patent and Trademark Office  
Washington, D.C. 20231,  
U.S.A.

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated May 17, 2002, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend pages 4, 5, 6, 8, 10, 14 and 15 as set forth below.

**Page 4, paragraph beginning at line 24 (Amended)**

The monoclonal antibodies useful in the method of the present invention include, *A1* without limitation, monoclonal antibodies against either Public or Private epitopes of